

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement

The pending claims, claims 1-53, are subject to a Restriction Requirement in which the claims were assigned to six different groups. Applicant submits that it would not impose an undue burden upon the Examiner to examine the claims of Groups II and III, claims 19-36, together. The claims of both restriction groups recite a LITAF polypeptide fragment containing a DNA-binding domain that interacts with the TNF- α promoter and that includes amino acids 165-180 of SEQ ID NO: 1 (i.e., corresponding to the sequence SQTWREPGAAGSPFHL). Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Restriction Requirement be modified to rejoin these restriction groups.

CONCLUSION

Enclosed is a petition to extend the period for replying to the Restriction Requirement for three months, to and including May 30, 2006.

If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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